

Breeding Foxes in Captivity.
Approximately 4,549 silver-black foxes are being bred in captivity in the United States, according to reports to the bureau of biological survey, United States Department of Agriculture, from 215 fox ranches, representing a value in animals and equipment estimated at \$4,279,530. All reports have not yet been received, and conservative estimates place the number of silver-black fox in this country at from 5,000 to 6,000.

In Learning.
In learning, age and youth go for nothing; the best informed take the precedence.—Chinese

Died With Their Prey.

In the extraordinary diatom beds at Lompoc, Santa Barbara county, California, occur untold millions of skeletons of a small herring, while in the upper strata are many remains of predatory fish which had entered what was once a bottle-shaped bay in order to feed on herring. This is evident from the fact that one of the skeletons of a large mackerel has two herring skeletons in what was once its stomach.

Is This Truer?

Most people are dishonest when they get an opportunity of being so legally.—London Saturday Review.

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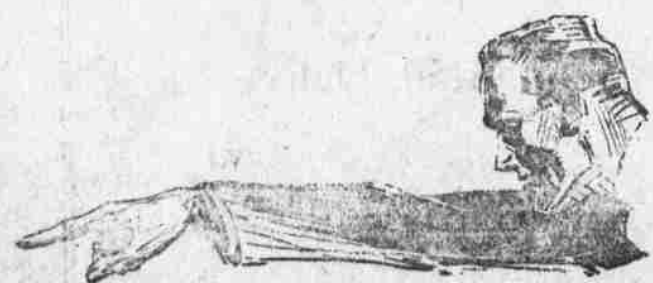
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History Told In Words And Pictures

A Golden Smile and the Folks Worth While

In Honor of Missouri's 100th Birthday
By WILL FERRELL

*A hundred years is a long, long time
To weave into meter and lore and rhyme,
So, briefly, I'll sing of a golden smile
And a plea to the hearts of the folks worth while.*

Born at the dawn of a distant day,
A babe as fair as a rose in May,
Rocked in a cradle of "hick'ry split"
By the proud young parents, Faith and Grit.
The babe was swaddled in homely things
And fed from a bottle of living springs.
Schooled in the ethics of tree and sod,
She grew to youth in the land of God.

She wasn't pampered in idle dreams,
Her world was real with its hills and streams;
Where the wolf stalked forth when the sun was gone
And the "bob-cat" challenged the crimson dawn;
Where the "pot hound" blinked at the old "smooth bore"
And a coon-skin hung on the cabin door.
Where the grist mill thundered its awkward lay
To the simple folk of an early day.

Where "Sorghum Holler" and "Possum Run"
Were the rainbow's end to a "bar'l o' fun."
Here the "gal" grew up as gals will do,
Nurtured in toil when the land was new.
All "fussed up" in a homespun gown
For a "mule-back" ride to a cross-roads town.
Comely and shy as the piping quail
In the old worm fence by the river trail.

Her fame soon grew as a winsome Miss
And suitors fought for her golden kiss.
But this is the edict she spoke to all:
"My charms are gratis to great and small.
All ye who would strive for my golden smile
Must measure up to the folks worth while."
And, speaking thus, she spread her charm
To the swains of the village and field and farm.

That's how it started. A hundred years
Since the babe was born to a world of fears.
Through calm and tempest, through sun and rain,
She breathes her message to hill and plain:
For fair Missouri retains her youth
And her early precepts of love and truth.
And, true to her standards, her lure, her smile,
We're glad to be one of her "folks worth while."

Sorghum Holler and Possum Run
Are still extant in the realm o' fun.
But the swaddled babe is a woman grown,
With a sizeable family, all her own.
She rides no more to the "destrict skule"
In a homespun frock—on a flea-bit mule,
But she goes "de luxe," like a millionaire
To greet her kin at the big State Fair.



Miami Indians Surrender to General Dodge—1814

THIS painting by Fred Green Carpenter is one of a series by leading American artists which decorates the walls of the State Capitol in Jefferson City. It depicts the end of troubles with the Indians in the State.

Missouri was known for its peaceful relationships with the Indians. The pioneers treated the aborigines courteously and fairly. But there were times when the native tribes became unruly and at-

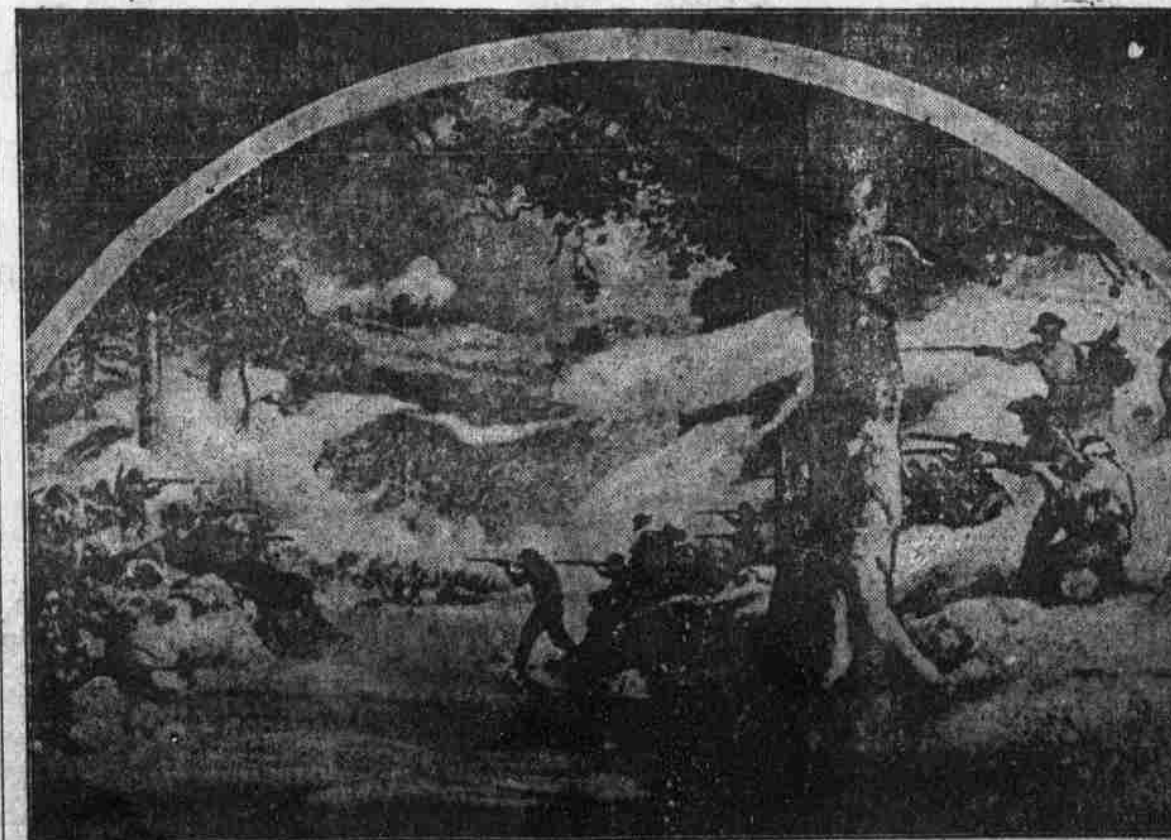
tacked the settlers. During the War of 1812, England continued her policy of inciting the Indians to harass the American pioneers. Thus, indirectly, Missourians felt the ripple of waves from this great struggle.

In the above illustration the subjugation of the Miami tribe by Colonel (later General) Henry Dodge is depicted. This Indian nation had been driven out of Ohio by General Wayne. They migrated to Missouri for a continuation of their

marauding expeditions on the homesteaders.

Colonel Dodge had under his command a company of regulars. Reinforced by rangers and friendly Indians, he took the Miami by surprise at what is now known as Miami, in Saline County, and easily compelled their surrender. In this surrender we witness practically the end of Missouri's harassing border warfare.

Colonel Dodge is seen above dictating peace terms to the defeated Miami chiefs and their people.



The Battle of Wilson's Creek—1861

THE struggle between North and South during the Civil War for control of Missouri is shown above in one of the most desperate battles of the four years conflict. The painting is by N. C. Wyeth and is one of the series of mural decorations in the State Capitol at Jefferson City which has caused much widespread comment among artists and critics.

The action depicted took place at Wilson's Creek on the morning of August 10, 1861. The Federal forces were under command of General Nathaniel Lyon,

who had marched out of Springfield to surprise and attack the Confederate forces encamped at Wilson's Creek, twelve miles away.

The Southern army was commanded by General Ben McCulloch and Sterling Price. They numbered about 10,000 men. Although McCulloch was the ranking officer it was Sterling Price (on horseback at the right in the painting) who was the outstanding hero of the victorious Southerners. His men were armed almost exclusively with shotguns, their equip-

ment consisting for the most part in what they had brought along with them from their homes. The deadly work of the shotguns and the desperate intrepidity of the men made the battle one of the bloodiest in history. The total casualties in five hours' fighting were 2,547. This is an engagement of twenty thousand men.

The view of the battle above represents a glimpse of the fighting about 8:30 o'clock in the morning, as the blue and the gray fought along the natural barrier of the placid little stream from which the battle gets its name—Wilson's Creek.

Artificial Leg Affects Watch.

Good watches lose in accuracy by exposure to a magnetic field. A war veteran working in a watch factory found it difficult to keep his watch right. Knowing something of magnetism, it occurred to him that the steel in his artificial leg might be magnetized. He experimented and found this to be the case. He went to an electric light company and had his leg demagnetized. After this treatment his watch kept perfect time.—Popular Science Monthly.

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